Claims

- 1) Vaccine for the prevention of Campylobacter colonisation in animals, characterised in that said vaccine comprises antiserum raised against a flagellaless Campylobacter strain.
- 2) Vaccine according to claim 1, characterised in that the flagellaless Campylobacter strain is Campylobacter jejuni.
- 3) Vaccine according to claim 2, characterised in that the flagellaless Campylobacter jejuni strain is strain R2.
- 4) Antigenic protein of Campylobacter having a molecular weight of 97 kD (+/- 5 kD), characterised in that it is visible in a Western blot of Campylobacter jejuni protein after incubation of said Western blot with antibodies against a flagellaless mutant of Campylobacter jejuni and that it is not visible after incubation of said blot with antibodies against wild type Campylobacter\jejuni.
- 5) Antigenic protein of Campylobacter having a molecular weight of 60 kD (+/- 5 kD), characterised in that it is visible in a Western blot of Campylobacter jejuni protein after incubation of said Western blot with antibodies against a flagellaless mutant of Campylobacter jejuni and that it is not visible after incubation of said blot with antibodies against wild type Campylobacter jejuni.
- 6) Antigenic protein of Campylobacter having a molecular weight of 13 kD (+/- 3 kD), characterised in that it is visible in a Western blot of Campylobacter jejuni protein after incubation of said Western blot with antibodies against a flagellaless mutant of Campylobacter jejuni and that it is not visible after incubation of said blot with antibodies against wild type Campylobacter jejuni.
- 7) Antigenic protein according to claim 4, 5 or 6 for use in a vaccine.
- 8) Use of antigenic protein as defined in claim 4, 5 or 6 for the manufacturing of a pharmaceutical composition for combating Campylobacter jejuni colonisation.
- 9) Vaccine for the prevention of Campylobacter jejuni colonisation in poultry, characterised in that said vaccine comprises antibodies\against the antigenic protein according to claim 4, 5 or 6.
- 10) Vaccine for the prevention of Campylobacter jejuni colonisation in poultry, characterised in that said vaccine comprises an antigenic protein according to claim 4, 5 or 6.
- 11) Use of antibodies against a flagellatess Campylobacter strain, or against the antigenic protein of claim 4, 5 or 6 for the preparation of a vaccine against Campylobacter colonisation in animals.

- 12) Method for the preparation of a vaccine according to any of the claims 1-3 or 9, characterised in that said method comprises raising antiserum against antigenic material of a flagellaless *Campylobacter* strain in a host animal followed by isolating the antiserum from the host animal.
- 13) Method for the preparation of a vaccine according to claim 9, characterised in that said method comprises growing antibody producing cells and harvesting the antibodies.
- 14) Method for the preparation of a vaccine according to claim 10, characterised in that said method comprises admixing a protein according to any of the claims 4-6 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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